



**CITY OF TEMPE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to guidance received by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Phoenix Field Office, the City of Tempe is requesting an exception to the HOME conflict of interest regulations found at 24 CFR 92.356. The request is made on behalf of Jana Arredondo, an individual who has applied for assistance under the City's HOME funded downpayment assistance program for first time homebuyers (CAMP). Jana Arredondo, is also the first cousin of Robin Arredondo-Savage, a current City of Tempe Councilmember. As a relative of a sitting Councilmember, Jana Arredondo is considered a covered person per 24 CFR 92.356 (c) with a possible conflict of interest:

92.356 (c):Persons covered: The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the participating jurisdiction, State recipient, or subrecipient which are receiving HOME funds.

The City understands that HUD may grant an exception to the conflict of interest provision if a conflict of interest exists and when certain threshold requirements have been addressed sufficiently for us to determine that granting an exception will further the purposes of the Act and the effective administration of the recipient's programs.

It is the City's position that an exception is warranted based on the following reasons:

1. Jana Arredondo's household income has been calculated by the City and based on the information provided; Jana Arredondo is income eligible for HOME funded downpayment assistance.
2. Should the exception be granted, Jana Arredondo will receive the same benefit as is being provided to other qualified CAMP applicants;
3. Jana Arredondo is not party to the function or responsibilities, or the decision making process with respect to the City of Tempe's downpayment assistance program.
4. The City's downpayment assistance program is open to all eligible applicants throughout the City. Jana Arredondo applied in accordance with existing program policies and procedures.
5. Jana Arredondo's application for assistance was date and time stamped and processed accordingly and did not receive any special consideration.
6. An undue hardship will be placed on Arredondo when weighed against the public interest served by avoiding the prohibited conflict.

The City of Tempe is conducting a public meeting to gather comments and input prior to submitting a request to HUD for an exception to the apparent conflict. Persons wishing to provide comment should plan on attending the Public Meeting.

The Public Hearing will be held:

DATE: Monday, August 3, 2015
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: City of Tempe Public Library
3500 S. Rural Road, 2nd Floor Board Room
Tempe, Arizona 85282

Written comments may be submitted to: City of Tempe Housing Services Division, P.O. Box 5002, Tempe, AZ 85280 or via e-mail to craig_hittie@tempe.gov. All written comments received prior to the public hearing will be forwarded to the HUD Phoenix Office.

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Sí usted desea interpretacion de esta noticia en Español, por favor llame y deje mensaje para Maryna Leyvas, 480/858-2154 (AZ Relay: 7-1-1).

